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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: UNTAG MANDATE

REF: USUN 3196

1. WE AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE TOO RISKY TO ATTEMPT TO
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PASS SUGGESTIONS FOR A DRAFT MANDATE TO AHTISAARI IN
NAMIBIA. HOWEVER, WE DO FEEL STRONGLY THAT AN AGREED
CONTACT GROUP DRAFT SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO HIM ASAP
AFTER HIS RETURN TO NEW YORK. AHTISAARI, WHO SEEMS TO
HAVE SHOWN HIMSELF REASONABLE AND DISCREET IN HIS TALKS
WITH THE PARTIES IN NAMIBIA, SHOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN
ACCEPTING AN ILLUSTRATIVE MANDATE OFFERED IN A COOPERATIVE

SPIRIT BASED UPON OUR CLEAR CONTINUING INTEREST IN A
SUCCESSFUL UN OPERATION IN NAMIBIA.

2. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE MANDATE EVENTUALLY PRESENTED
TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADHERES CLOSELY TO OUR DRAFT, IT
IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT IT NOT DEPART FROM THE PROVISIONS
OF THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL. ANY SUCH DEPARTURES ARE LIKELY
TO BE PERCEIVED BY ONE OR MORE PARTIES AS NEGOTIABLE AND
THE FRAGILE STRUCTURE OF THE SETTLEMENT MIGHT NOT SURVIVE

THE MANEUVERS OF THE PARTIES TRYING TO OBTAIN THROUGH
DEFINITION OF THE MANDATE CONCESSIONS WHICH WERE DENIED
THEM DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROPOSAL. WE SUSPECT
THAT AHTISAARI WILL APPRECIATE THIS POINT AND
CONSEQUENTLY WOULD WELCOME AN INFORMAL DRAFT MANDATE
WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED WITH AN EYE TO THE NUANCES OF
THE PROPOSAL. VANCE

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